

All-Wards Meeting
Hosted by your Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPA)
June 19, 2018 from 06:30 PM to - 08:00 PM
ONE Community Center, 20 Allen Street: 2nd Floor, Rm 5
Meeting Draft Minutes

Start: 6:40pm

Steering Committee member present: Mary Riley-Ward 6, Cindy Cook-Ward 1 (facilitator), James Lockridge-Ward 3, Linda Deliduka-Ward 7, Amanda Hannaford-Ward 3, Chris Trombly-Ward 7

Sharing Best Practices, Live streaming meetings, Recruiting Steering Committee Members

Outreach for Ward 2/3 is about being an effective voice which is attractive to new people to come to the meetings and want to be proactive to sharing with other NPAs. 4/7 watch the people who are coming to the meetings and recruiting from the meeting. Also encourage them to run for board and other civic opportunities. Live stream gets over 500 views from FB and people can chat and ask questions from home. All the previous meeting are posted on <https://www.facebook.com/NorthEndNPA/> and go to the video. The good thing about this is if don't have a lot of turn out can still get the word out. This is helpful for those who are intimidated or who are seniors who have a hard time getting out. Ward 5 goes live and uses Channel 17/Town meeting that links to you tube. CCTV 17 is not practical in sharing the topics. They need to chapter agenda subjects so don't need to watch the whole video to get to the topic.

Cindy Wight at last Wards 2/3 shared about Penny for Parks. Follow with Cindy to get details how budget and what they can do with NPAs. Find out of history of how this came to be. BPR&W came to all NPA and did a great presentation about BPR&W programs but it wasn't advertised well. Need to do better advertisement to show presenter presentations or links about the topics. FPF protocol is having an email address as posting as an official. Only have two postings.

NPA City-wide issues, Wards 1 and 8 The Neighborhood Project, Wards 1 and 8 NPA delegate participation in ad hoc City groups

Ward 2/3 did a resolution to have a representative at different projects that affect the neighborhood. The resolution promotes having people power and not having the City decide on what representatives they want on different project committee. The Neighborhood Project has two meetings coming up, meeting will be held on June 25th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., at the SD Ireland Family Center for Global Business & Technology, 391 Maple Street, Champlain College, Room #112. Also on June 26th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m in Contois Auditorium, City

Hall. As required in Burlington's Housing Action Plan, the City, and its partners, the University of Vermont, Champlain College and Preservation Burlington have been working to develop an actionable strategy and toolkit of policies and programs for neighborhood stabilization in near campus neighborhoods. For more info see here: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO>

NPA Budget and End of fiscal year, All Wards request for a budget of \$2,000 per Ward

Budget discussion. At April's All Wards a motion was passed to increase each ward's budget to \$2000 totaling \$16,000. The NPA increase budget was discussed at a recent board of finance meeting. NPA budget was also discussed at the Bagel Shop with the Mayor which he was not supported of and suggested NPAs to go use City Council funds. Mayor campaign was all about increasing and empowering community engagement. Use to get 10k plus for each NPA and would do community projects. James attended finance committee and majority of council was supported. Mayor brought up that current NPA money is not spent and also City Council budget is not all spent. NPAs needs to be more direct in defining what the increase money can do. Wards 2/3 did a visioning exercise to ask participants what increase money can be used for. City Council has 50k that used to have a relationship to the NPA. One of the questions brought the board of finance meeting was can the 50k be used for 16k NPA budget. Learned that out of the 50k there is an average of 20k that is unspent.

Mayor asked his assistant if 16k could be sequester for the first quarter for NPA. The second part was if the Mayor to make public statement that the administration will hold true to this sequester and work with council to hold true to this. The sequester should hold to half of the year to give time for the NPAs to look at how money should be spent.

Motion: That the Mayor sequester \$2000 per Ward from the City Council's discretionary budget and make that available from funding request from each Ward via NPAs for the 1st half of the year. These funds will be used for community engagement and inclusive of technology support.

NPA should have some say on unused council funds for community benefit. Need to do a better job of community engagement.

Motion passed by everyone.

Given the political climate need to increase engagement. People are feeling disengaged and need to feel good about where they live. NPAs are a good starting point.

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO

